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NASHVILLE –Tennessee's April unemployment rate of 5.0 percent, up from 4.8 percent over the month, was released on May 23, 2003. County unemployment rates released today show 58 county rates decreased, 20 rates increased, and 17 remained the same over the month.

Moore County, unchanged at 2.0 percent over the month, registered the state's lowest county unemployment rate. Marshall County at 13.3 percent, down from 13.4, reported the state's highest jobless rate.

Knox County, unchanged from 2.5 percent in March, registered the lowest metropolitan county unemployment rate. Hamilton County registered 3.4 percent, up from 3.3 percent. Davidson County remained unchanged at 3.6 percent, while Shelby County registered 4.9, down from 5.0 percent over the month.

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NOTE: Information will be available on the Internet; enter http://www.state.tn.us/labor-wfd/labor_figures.